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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 980, 997, 1001, 1020, and 1022 without prejudice.

The following lists all claims and their status:

1-969 (cancelled)

970. (Original) A method for dispensing automotive appearance care product fluids, comprising:

dispensing a plurality of automotive appearance care product fluids from an apparatus, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a plurality of storage containers comprising one or more raw materials, wherein each storage container is configured to contain at least one raw material;

a plurality of mixing systems coupled to the plurality of storage containers, wherein the mixing systems are configured to combine one or more of the raw materials with a carrier fluid to produce a plurality of automotive appearance care product fluids during use;

a plurality of storage vessels coupled to the plurality of mixing systems, wherein each automotive appearance care product fluid is stored in one storage vessel;

a plurality of pumps coupled to the plurality of storage vessels, wherein each pump is coupled to at least one storage vessel, and wherein the plurality of pumps are configured to produce a flow of automotive appearance care product fluids from the storage vessels during use; and

a plurality of dispensing conduits coupled to the plurality of pumps, wherein each of the dispensing conduits is coupled to at least one pump, and wherein the dispensing conduits are configured to dispense automotive appearance care product fluids during use;

treating one or more automobiles using the dispensed automotive appearance care product fluids; and

receiving a statement of a fee for using the apparatus based on a number of automobiles treated using the automotive appearance care product fluids.

- 971. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising obtaining the apparatus from a distributor of the apparatus.
- 972. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising coupling the apparatus to a supply of carrier fluid.
- 973. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising coupling the apparatus to a supply of air.
- 974. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the fee statement is provided automatically by the apparatus.
- 975. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is based on a number of applications using the automotive appearance care product fluids.
- 976. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is based on a number of uses of the apparatus.
- 977. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is based on a number of times the apparatus is refilled with raw materials.
- 978. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is based on a specified period of time the apparatus is used.

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979. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 970, wherein the <u>plurality of raw materials</u>

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid in the apparatus to produce the plurality of

product fluids.

980. (Cancelled).

981. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 970, wherein the plurality of raw materials

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid to produce the plurality of product fluids by the

plurality of mixing systems in the apparatus.

982. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 970, wherein the plurality of raw materials

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid and automatically provided to the plurality of

storage vessels in the apparatus.

983. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein each of the plurality of storage vessels is

automatically refilled with product fluid when a level of fluid in each storage vessel is below a

selected value.

984. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising prompting the apparatus to

automatically dispense at least one automotive appearance care product fluid.

985. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising operating the apparatus to only

dispense automotive appearance care product fluids.

986. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising dispensing each of the

automotive appearance care product fluids individually.

987. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising varying the flow of at least one

automotive appearance care product fluid using an adjustable fluid applicator.

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988. (Original) The method of claim 970, further comprising moving the apparatus such that the apparatus is located proximate the automobiles to be treated using the automotive appearance care product fluids.

- 989. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the plurality of storage containers are provided by a distributor of the apparatus.
- 990. (Original) The method of claim 970, wherein the plurality of raw materials are provided by a distributor of the apparatus.
- 991. (Original) A method for dispensing automotive appearance care product fluids, comprising:

dispensing a plurality of automotive appearance care product fluids from an apparatus, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a plurality of storage containers comprising one or more raw materials, wherein each storage container is configured to contain at least one raw material;

a plurality of mixing systems coupled to the plurality of storage containers, wherein the mixing systems are configured to combine one or more of the raw materials with a carrier fluid to produce a plurality of automotive appearance care product fluids during use;

a plurality of storage vessels coupled to the plurality of mixing systems, wherein each automotive appearance care product fluid is stored in one storage vessel;

a plurality of pumps coupled to the plurality of storage vessels, wherein each pump is coupled to at least one storage vessel, and wherein the plurality of pumps are configured to produce a flow of automotive appearance care product fluids from the storage vessels during use; and

a plurality of dispensing conduits coupled to the plurality of pumps, wherein each of the dispensing conduits is coupled to at least one pump, and wherein the dispensing conduits are configured to dispense automotive appearance care product fluids during

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use;

treating one or more automobiles using the dispensed automotive appearance care product

fluids; and

receiving a statement of a fee for using the apparatus based on a number of uses of the

apparatus.

992. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising obtaining the apparatus from a

distributor of the apparatus.

993. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising coupling the apparatus to a

supply of carrier fluid.

994. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising coupling the apparatus to a

supply of air.

995. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein the fee statement is provided automatically

by the apparatus.

996. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is

based on a number of applications using the automotive appearance care product fluids.

997. (Cancelled).

998. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is

based on a number of times the apparatus is refilled with raw materials.

999. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus is

based on a specified period of time the apparatus is used.

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1000. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 991, wherein the <u>plurality of raw materials</u>

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid in the apparatus to produce the plurality of

product fluids.

1001. (Cancelled).

1002. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 991, wherein the <u>plurality of raw materials</u>

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid to produce the plurality of product fluids by the

plurality of mixing systems in the apparatus.

1003. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 991, wherein the <u>plurality of raw materials</u>

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid and automatically provided to the plurality of

storage vessels in the apparatus.

1004. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein each of the plurality of storage vessels is

automatically refilled with product fluid when a level of fluid in each storage vessel is below a

selected value.

1005. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising prompting the apparatus to

automatically dispense at least one automotive appearance care product fluid.

1006. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising operating the apparatus to only

dispense automotive appearance care product fluids.

1007. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising dispensing each of the

automotive appearance care product fluids individually.

1008. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising varying the flow of at least one

automotive appearance care product fluid using an adjustable fluid applicator.

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1009. (Original) The method of claim 991, further comprising moving the apparatus such that the apparatus is located proximate the automobiles to be treated using the automotive appearance care product fluids.

1010. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein the plurality of storage containers are provided by a distributor of the apparatus.

1011. (Original) The method of claim 991, wherein the plurality of raw materials are provided by a distributor of the apparatus.

1012. (Original) A method for dispensing automotive appearance care product fluids, comprising:

dispensing a plurality of automotive appearance care product fluids from an apparatus, wherein the apparatus comprises:

a plurality of storage containers comprising one or more raw materials, wherein each storage container is configured to contain at least one raw material;

a plurality of mixing systems coupled to the plurality of storage containers, wherein the mixing systems are configured to combine one or more of the raw materials with a carrier fluid to produce a plurality of automotive appearance care product fluids during use;

a plurality of storage vessels coupled to the plurality of mixing systems, wherein each automotive appearance care product fluid is stored in one storage vessel;

a plurality of pumps coupled to the plurality of storage vessels, wherein each pump is coupled to at least one storage vessel, and wherein the plurality of pumps are configured to produce a flow of automotive appearance care product fluids from the storage vessels during use; and

a plurality of dispensing conduits coupled to the plurality of pumps, wherein each of the dispensing conduits is coupled to at least one pump, and wherein the dispensing

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conduits are configured to dispense automotive appearance care product fluids during use;

treating one or more automobiles using the dispensed automotive appearance care product

fluids; and

receiving a statement of a fee for using the apparatus based on a specified period of time

the apparatus is used.

1013. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising obtaining the apparatus from a

distributor of the apparatus.

1014. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising coupling the apparatus to a

supply of carrier fluid.

1015. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising coupling the apparatus to a

supply of air.

1016. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein the fee statement is provided

automatically by the apparatus.

1017. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus

is based on a number of applications using the automotive appearance care product fluids.

1018. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus

is based on a number of uses of the apparatus.

1019. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein the fee statement for using the apparatus

is based on a number of times the apparatus is refilled with raw materials.

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1020. (Cancelled).

1021. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1012, wherein the <u>plurality of raw materials</u>

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid in the apparatus to produce the plurality of

product fluids.

1022. (Cancelled).

1023. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1012, wherein the <u>plurality of raw materials</u>

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid to produce the plurality of product fluids by the

plurality of mixing systems in the apparatus.

1024. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1012, wherein the plurality of raw materials

are automatically combined with the carrier fluid and automatically provided to the plurality of

storage vessels in the apparatus.

1025. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein each of the plurality of storage vessels is

automatically refilled with product fluid when a level of fluid in each storage vessel is below a

selected value.

1026. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising prompting the apparatus to

automatically dispense at least one automotive appearance care product fluid.

1027. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising operating the apparatus to only

dispense automotive appearance care product fluids.

1028. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising dispensing each of the

automotive appearance care product fluids individually.

1029. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising varying the flow of at least one

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automotive appearance care product fluid using an adjustable fluid applicator.

1030. (Original) The method of claim 1012, further comprising moving the apparatus such that

the apparatus is located proximate the automobiles to be treated using the automotive appearance

care product fluids.

1031. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein the plurality of storage containers are

provided by a distributor of the apparatus.

1032. (Original) The method of claim 1012, wherein the plurality of raw materials are provided

by a distributor of the apparatus.